

BEFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE
METROPOLITAN SERVICE DISTRICT

FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROCLAIMING)	RESOLUTION NO. 92-1624
TUALATIN RIVER DISCOVERY DAY)	
AND SUPPORTING ITS GOALS OF)	Introduced by Councilor
RECREATION AND PRESERVATION)	Devlin

WHEREAS, Saturday, June 27, 1992 is the third annual Tualatin River Discovery Day, encouraging public access to an endangered river in Washington and Clackamas County, and;

WHEREAS, Tualatin River Discovery Day, with its informal Environmental Fair at Tualatin Community Park, is supported by many governments, community groups, businesses and environmental organizations, and;

WHEREAS, The Metropolitan Service District enacted a regional phosphate ban in large part to protect the Tualatin River from phosphate pollution; and

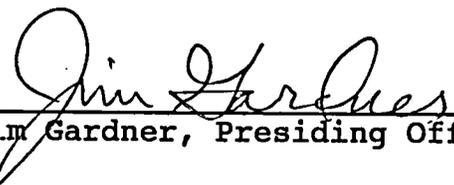
WHEREAS, Metro coordinates the Metropolitan Greenspaces program which seeks, in part, to enhance and protect the Tualatin River; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED,

1. That the Council of the Metropolitan Service District supports the goals and activities developed for the Tualatin River Discovery Day, and;

2. That the Council of the Metropolitan Service District officially proclaims the fourth Saturday in June each year as "Tualatin River Discovery Day."

ADOPTED by the Council of the Metropolitan Service District this 28th day of May, 1992.


Jim Gardner, Presiding Officer

STAFF REPORT

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 92-1624, PROCLAIMING TUALATIN RIVER DISCOVERY DAY AND SUPPORTING ITS GOALS OF RECREATION AND PRESERVATION

Date: May 18, 1992

Presented by: Councilor Richard Devlin

PROPOSED ACTION

Resolution No. 92-1624 officially proclaims Tualatin River Discovery Day as the fourth Saturday in June and recognizes Metro's support of this annual event.

FACTUAL BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS

Saturday, June 27, 1992, will be the third annual Tualatin River Discovery Day. This is free day-long festival encouraging the public to explore the endangered Tualatin River and visit an informal Environmental Fair at Tualatin Community Park. This annual event is supported by many governments, community groups, businesses and environmental organizations and was endorsed by Metro for the first time last year.

Metro sponsorship of this event is important because it was Metro which established the regional phosphate ban, in large part to help clean up the Tualatin River, which was the first river in Oregon for which maximum pollutant levels were established. As a result of this ban, all retail stores selling laundry detergents in the Metro region must stock only products without phosphates. It is hoped that in time with the ban in place, the Tualatin will slowly recover it's original purity.

The Tualatin River is 83 miles long, meandering through Washington and Clackamas Counties, with headwaters in the foothills of the Coast Range. It is the water source of Lake Oswego and is the principal river flowing through fast-growing Washington County. Wildlife abounds in and around the stream, which offers little public access.

Tualatin River Discovery Day provides a day for the public to enjoy the Tualatin River, to discover the wildlife, riparian environment and recreation created by the river, by access through mostly private lands and areas that would otherwise be inaccessible.

Metro's work with the phosphate ban and with the Metropolitan Greenspaces program seeks to restore, enhance and protect the Tualatin River and other significant resources in the region. It is, therefore, appropriate that Metro support the Tualatin River Discovery Day and the goals it represents.

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